

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

6. (previously presented) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus wherein a part or the whole of the insertion platform is structured by a member provided with a function to transmit the light from the lower side,

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with a cutout having a length in which the operator can continue to have the leading edge of both sheets in the superimposed condition until it is nipped.

Claim 7 (canceled)

8. (previously presented) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an

image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus wherein a part or the whole of the insertion platform is structured by a member provided with a function to transmit the light from the lower side,

wherein the light transmission member is any one of a transparent portion, translucent portion, light diffusion portion, or opening portion, and

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with a cutout having a length in which the operator can continue to have the leading edge of both sheets in the superimposed condition until it is nipped.

9. (previously presented) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus wherein a part or the whole of the insertion platform is structured by a member provided with a function to transmit the light from the lower side,

wherein the light transmission member is any one of a transparent portion, translucent portion, light diffusion portion, or opening portion,

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus has a light source on its lower side, and

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with a cutout having a length in which the operator can continue to have the leading edge of both sheets in the superimposed condition until it is nipped.

10. (previously presented) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus wherein a part or the whole of the insertion platform is structured by a member provided with a function to transmit the light from the lower side,

wherein the light transmission member is any one of a transparent portion, translucent portion, light diffusion portion, or opening portion,

wherein a light accumulation fluorescent substance is coated on the light transmission function member and/or its periphery, and

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with a cutout having a length in which the operator can continue to have the leading edge of both sheets in the superimposed condition until it is nipped.

11. (previously presented) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus in which an image receiving sheet on which an image is formed, and a transfer sheet onto which an

image is to be transferred, are superimposed on each other, and is sent into a heat roller pair inside the image transfer apparatus to heat and press the sheets, the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus wherein a part or the whole of the insertion platform is structured by a member provided with a function to transmit the light from the lower side,

wherein the light transmission member is any one of a transparent portion, translucent portion, light diffusion portion, or opening portion,

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with an external light lighting hole on its lower side, and

wherein the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus is provided with a cutout having a length in which the operator can continue to have the leading edge of both sheets in the superimposed condition until it is nipped.

12. (new) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus according to claim 6, wherein a pair of alignment marks are formed on said insertion platform to allow said image receiving sheet and said transfer sheet to be aligned at the superimposed conditions respectively.

13. (new) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus according to claim 8, wherein a pair of alignment marks are formed on said insertion platform to allow said image receiving sheet and said transfer sheet to be aligned at the superimposed conditions respectively.

14. (new) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus according to claim 9, wherein a pair of alignment marks are formed on said insertion platform to allow said image receiving sheet and said transfer sheet to be aligned at the superimposed conditions respectively.

15. (new) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus according to claim 10, wherein a pair of alignment marks are formed on said insertion platform to allow said image receiving sheet and said transfer sheet to be aligned at the superimposed conditions respectively.

16. (new) An insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus according to claim 11, wherein a pair of alignment marks are formed on said insertion platform to allow said image receiving sheet and said transfer sheet to be aligned at the superimposed conditions respectively.

17. (new) An image transfer apparatus comprising the insertion platform for an image transfer apparatus of one of claims 6 and 8 to 16; and

a heat roller pair which heats and presses the superimposed sheets entering from the insertion platform.